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## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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We, the undersigned, Selectmen of the town of Marlborough, respectfully submit the following Financial Report for the year ending March 1, 1884 :

### APRIL INVOICE, 1883.

Resident real estate	\$354,768 00
Non-resident real estate	14,276 00
Mills and machinery	73,300 00
Stock in trade	36,250 00
Money at interest	44,052 00
Stock in banks	6,100 00
Wood and logs	550 00
204 horses	14,434 00
78 oxen	5,426 00
336 cows	9,868 00
133 other neat stock	2,902 00
507 sheep	1,616 00
8 hogs	92 00
23 carriages	1,764 00
371 polls	37,100 00
Total valuation	<hr/> \$602,498 00

Number of dogs, 66.

Rate per cent. on one hundred dollars, including highway money, \$1.30.

## AMOUNT OF MONEY RAISED BY TAX.

State tax	\$1,280 00
County tax	763 98
Town charges	3,000 00
Highways	1,500 00
Schools	1,120 00
School tax in District No. 1	400 00
School house tax in District No 2	200 00
School house tax in District No. 3	300 00
School house tax in District No. 7	50 00
School tax assessed in Keene	5 08
Surplusage	208 61
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	\$8,827 67
Dog tax	78 00
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	\$8,905 67

Amount committed to George L. Fairbanks, Collector.

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Amount of money expended for schools, including funds :—

District No. 1, John A. Knight	\$86 25
2, George G. Davis	1,100 78
3, Levi A. Fuller	114 62
4, Edgar L. Bugbee	91 27
5, Samuel A. Mason	107 62
6, Charles L. Clark	99 63
7, Thomas H. White	94 38
8, Dutee S. Knight	151 22
To Jaffrey	3 07
To Harrisville	2 32
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	\$1,851 16



## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid 50 firemen	\$150 00
for lumber, labor and spikes for two reservoirs	154 92
for repairs on engine house, cellar and grading	6 05
Peter Cloutier, land for reservoir	5 00
for one ladder	8 25
for wood and sawing for engine house	9 96
for hooks and repairs to engine	4 88
Steward's bill and supplies	13 58
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	\$352 64

## SUPPORT OF COUNTY PAUPERS.

Aid furnished Eben Cheney and wife	\$154 16
Oren Wilbur	76 49
Elvira Douglas	7 50
Joseph Palliday	32 47
Phebe Bean and family	118 61
John Croto	5 75
James Connody	75
George Weir	75
Peter Lauzen	9 30
Arthur Preux	10 08
Mrs. Baldwin	2 00
Frank Carr and wife	2 00
William Harradon and wife	25 22
Peter Haslett	75
John Connors	75
Lucy White	10 86
Frank Hart	75
John Erwin	75
Joseph Pippin and family	21 65
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	\$480 59

## SUPPORT OF TOWN PAUPERS.

David Totten's family	\$211 43
Gilman and Adaline Whitecomb	68 25
Asa Bemis in 1882 and 1883	120 50
George White's family	7 10
Lucy A. White	153 31
Frank H. Collins	10 50
Care of two children over night, with meals	1 00
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	\$572 09

## Amount of money committed to road agents :

District No. 1, C. Edward Farnum	\$75 00
2, C. Edward Farnum	70 00
3, Howard T. Clark	70 00
4, Charles M. Jones	90 00
5, George A. Nutting	67 00
6, Almon C. Mason	62 00
7, Levi A. Fuller	89 00
8, Charles A. Howard	193 00
9, Charles W. Capron	34 00
10, Albert Knowlton	320 00
11, Frank T. Wiswall	225 00
12, John McRoy	55 00
13, Stillman Richardson	50 00
14, W. F. Wallace	50 00
15, Isaac W. Holbrook	50 00
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	\$1,500 00

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Levi D. Jones, Selectman	\$116 00
Luther G. Bemis, Selectman	90 00
A. A. Adams, Selectman	78 00



Paid George G. Davis, Treasurer	\$25 00
“ Clerk	25 00
George L. Fairbanks, Collector	89 06
Rev. J. L. Merrill, School Committee	30 00
Rev. R. T. Polk, School Committee	25 00
C. S. Moors, Police Officer	5 00
Albert Knowlton, “	5 00
J. M. Richardson, “	5 00
James Newell, “	5 00
Chas. H. Osborn, “	10 00
J. T. Southwick, “	2 00
Albert Knowlton, Truant Officer	5 00
Levi A. Fuller, Town Agent	9 75
Warren H. Clark, Supervisor	3 00
D. W. Tenney, “	3 00
Fred E. Adams, “	3 00
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	\$533 81

## NEW ROADS.

A. W. Stockwell, land damage	\$40 00
Elijah Boyden, Administrator, land damage	15 00
James Townsend, land damage	2 00
F. T. Wiswall, Jewett-road bridge	61 00
“ building Jewett road	29 50
George Thatcher, land damage	2 00
“ building new road	55 00
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	\$204 50

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid C. E. Farnum, breaking roads, spring of '83	\$18 00
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Paid David Wright, breaking roads, spring of '83	\$27 86
Albert Knowlton, breaking roads, spring of '83	20 60
L. D. Jones, breaking roads, spring of '83	6 02
Oren W. Richardson, breaking roads, spring of '83	6 30
Charles M. Jones, breaking roads, spring of '83	5 00
John McRoy, breaking roads, spring of '83	2 92
Russell Bixby, breaking roads, 1882 and 1883	1 50
Albert Knowlton, Dist. No. 10, extra work on highway	33 23
Albert Knowlton, work on bridge near Townsend's shop	37 25
Albert Knowlton, work on bridge near Chas. Stay's	33 19
W. F. Wallace, work on Day bridge	14 50
Augustus T. Woodward, gravelling road	24 05
William B. Mellen, gravelling road	14 05
Frank T. Wiswall, extra work on highway	19 25
George Thatcher, extra work on highway	9 77
Osgood R. Wiswall, bridge plank	90 36
J. & L. Knowlton, bridge plank	47 62
Charles M. Jones, bridge plank	5 00
Levi A. Fuller, bridge plank	24 72
A. G. Mann, stone	70 08
John P. Clemens, irons for railings	3 45
for new sidewalks	35 99

Paid H. L. Wiswall, bridge stringers and timber	\$55 00
O. R. Wiswall, bridge stringers for Day bridge	24 00
B. C. Knight, damage for road, 1880, '81 and '82	10 50
R. F. Greeley, gravel	1 80
Tenny & Mason, gravel in 1881, '82 and '83	15 00
Charles M. Jones, extra work on high- way	2 55
Charles M. Jones, breaking roads	2 00
for railings near Stays & Winches' shop	3 10
Albert Knowlton, breaking roads	3 45
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	\$669 01

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid State Tax	\$1,280 00
County Tax	763 98
interest on bonds	885 23
for printing town reports	25 20
Batchelder & Faulkner, retaining fee	6 00
C. B. Eddy, counsel fees and expenses, M. & K. R. R.	37 35
Batchelder & Faulkner, fees and ex- penses, M. & K. R. R.	100 00
W. P. Brigham, sheep killed by dogs	4 00
Charles M. Jones, sheep killed by dogs	8 00
Congregational society, income of min- isterial fund	8 33
Universalist society, income of minis- terial fund	8 33
Methodist society, income of ministerial fund	8 34



Paid Elijah Gates, public watering trough	\$3 00
Thomas White, public watering trough	3 00
Mason L. White, public watering trough	3 00
Levi A. Fuller, public watering trough	3 00
A. A. Adams, addition to town hall	1,522 58
B. F. Merriam, labor and registers,	3 50
for painting town house	69 00
for outside repairs, town house	40 06
for inside repairs, town house	29 24
for roof over drug store door	21 77
for decorating soldiers' graves	25 00
for repairs on road scrapers	26 25
Dr. N. H. Merriam, returns of births	
and deaths	20 50
C. Collins, lamps for town hall	5 80
B. F. Merriam, lamps for town hall	2 80
C. Collins, brake and repairs on hearse	33 50
A. F. Hannaford, plans and drafting,	
town hall	12 00
J. Hall, plans and advice, town hall	12 00
for lamp near Charles Stay's	9 85
for oil and wicks	1 85
for school books, per order committee	7 81
Nelson Converse, taking affidavits	3 00
Jairus Collins, taking affidavits	3 00
Fish Wardens, labor and expenses	25 75
committee on new cemetery	9 00
for surveying	7 10
for horse hire for selectmen	16 00
for postage	2 27
for stationery	5 60
for pamphlet laws of 1883	1 00
for use of telephone	80
expense of town house committee at Hinsdale	1 25

Paid B. F. Merriam, stove, zinc and oil can	\$30 72
B. F. Merriam, pail and broom for tramp house	1 35
Clinton Collins, cushions for selectmen's room	1 80
S. W. Hale, trustee, railroad gratuity	8,795 68
Expense taking invoice	5 25
Insurance on town hall, (\$1,000) ex- pires in 1884	17 50
Bounty on 41 crows,	4 10
Bounty on one woodchuck	10
Cost of reference in Harradon case	36 82
School house tax, district No. 2	300 00
School house tax, district No. 3	200 00
School house tax, district No. 7,	50 00
Osgood R. Wiswall, settlement damage on ox, 1882	35 00
Note paid Cheshire National Bank,	1,500 00
M. A. Thompson, surveying	3 50
Mrs. C. Lemond Clapp, over-tax in 1882	1 53
Town hall curtain	19 40
for lumber and labor on Davis horse shed	27 59
J. K. Southwick, in settlement with C. Ryan	107 38
for printing police notices	1 20
for cleaning town hall	8 25
G. G. Davis, income cemetery fund	12 00
Abatement of taxes in 1880	1 54
Abatement of taxes in 1881	10 70
Abatement of taxes in 1882	1 53
Abatement of taxes in 1883	39 65
A. A. Adams, book case at library for town records	10 36
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	\$16,290 99

## RECAPITULATION.

Amount appropriated for schools	\$1,851 16
Fire department	352 64
Support of county paupers	480 59
Support of town paupers,	572 09
Amount committed to road agents	1,500 00
Town officers	533 81
New roads	204 50
Roads and bridges	669 01
Miscellaneous	16,290 99
Amount in the treasury to balance, March 1, 1884	1,908 17
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	\$24,362 96

MONEY ON HAND AND PAID INTO THE  
TREASURY DURING THE YEAR.

Cash in the treasury, March 1, 1883	\$1,875 18
Taxes assessed in 1883	8,905 67
Taxes assessed in 1882	63 55
Taxes assessed in 1881	61 33
Taxes assessed in 1880	18 85
Received for old stringers	5 00
Received on notes in favor of town	193 30
Received for support of county paupers	555 30
Savings bank tax received	1,802 49
Railroad tax received	65 50
Literary fund	162 18
Income of town fund for schools	18 90
Income ministerial fund	25 00
Income Lydia Wyman fund	24 75
Income Tucker fund	3 75
Received for bonds sold	8,700 00
Cash borrowed of Cheshire National Bank	1,500 00



From state, bounty on crows	\$11 50
Income of J. T. Collins, fire department fund from Mar. 26, 1878 to Oct. 1, 1883	116 93
Income of J. T. Collins, cemetery fund	12 00
Received for licenses on pool tables	6 75
Received E. Boyden, town hall agent	451 59
Received interest on taxes of 1880 and 1881	10 15
Received interest on taxes of 1882 and 1883	21 17
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	\$24,362 96

#### ASSETS OF THE TOWN, MARCH 1, 1884.

Cash in treasury	\$1,908 17
C. A. Bemis, note in favor of town	529 00
Taxes assessed in 1883	247 88
Due from county for support of paupers	218 92
Due from state for bounty on one woodchuck	10
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	\$2,904 07

#### LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN, MARCH 1, 1884.

Due on town bonds	\$24,349 17
Coupons due by estimation	200 00
Due for support of Frank Collins at Industrial School	12 86
Due Granville Morse, for land damage	10 00
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	\$24,572 03
Assets subtracted	2,904 07
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Indebtedness March 1, 1884	\$21,667 96
Indebtedness March 1, 1883	12,791 68
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Debt increased during the year	\$8,876 28

## PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWN.

Town hall building	\$8,000 00
Engine house	800 00
Engine and fixtures	1,200 00
Lock-up	200 00
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	\$10,200 00

## TRUST FUNDS.

Lydia Wyman fund, Wm. M. Nason, trustee	\$550 00
Tucker fund, " "	83 62
Town school fund, " "	420 00
Ministerial fund, " "	555 55
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	\$1,609 17
J. T. Collins fund for cemeteries, Jairus Collins, trustee	200 00
J. T. Collins fund for fire department, Jairus Collins, trustee	500 00
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	\$2,309 17

LEVI D. JONES,  
LUTHER G. BEMIS,  
ALPHONSO A. ADAMS,  
*Selectmen of Marlborough.*

G. G. DAVIS, *Town Treasurer.*

## REPORT OF FIREWARDS.

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I hereby respectfully submit the following report of the Fire Department, for the past year, for the consideration and action of the town.

The machine and apparatus has been kept in good working order ; the company responded promptly to every alarm of fire.

There have been several alarms of fire, but only two where the department needed to render assistance : first at Weston McRoy's blacksmith shop ; second at J. & L. Knowlton's dry house.

The past year the town has built two reservoirs, which were recommended in our last report. We again call your attention to the great need of a reservoir near the Post Office.

C. O. WHITNEY,

*Chief of Firewards.*

Marlborough, N. H., March 1, 1884.



# TOWN HALL BUILDING.

REPORT OF ELIJAH BOYDEN, AGENT, FROM MARCH 1,  
1883, TO MARCH 1, 1884.

## RECEIPTS.

1883.

March	4.	Recd. from temperance meeting	\$1 00
	11.	Catholic meeting	2 00
	14.	lecture	2 00
	16.	assembly	3 00
	21.	Jubilee Singers	4 00
April	1.	Catholic meeting	2 00
	8.	Methodist society	2 00
	15.	Catholic meeting	2 00
	20.	assembly	3 00
	29.	Catholic meeting	2 00
	29.	temperance meeting	1 00
May	2.	temperance meeting	1 00
	7.	lecture	2 00
	13.	Catholic meeting	2 00
	18.	dramatic club	10 00
	28.	Methodist society	1 50
June	1.	F. H. Nutting	4 17
	1.	H. L. Page & Co.	31 25
	1.	Geo. G. Davis	62 50
	3.	Catholic meeting	2 00
	3.	temperance meeting	1 00

June	7.	Recd. from Mrs. L. G. Bemis	\$1 50
	7.	J. M. Bullard	2 00
	13.	Ellis Family	4 00
	17.	Catholic meeting	2 00
July	1.	Catholic meeting	2 00
	15.	Catholic meeting	2 00
	22.	Temperance meeting	1 00
	29.	Catholic meeting	2 00
Aug.	12.	Catholic meeting	2 00
	26.	Catholic meeting	2 00
	26.	Temperance meeting	1 00
	20.	Amherst Students	2 00
Sept.	1.	F. H. Nutting	12 50
	1.	H. L. Page & Co.	31 25
	1.	Geo. G. Davis	62 50
	19.	Hanovarians	5 00
	21.	Base Ball Club	3 50
Oct.	4.	Earnest Workers	5 00
	17.	Methodist society	6 00
	27.	Jubilee Singers	2 00
Nov.	4.	Catholic meeting	2 00
	18.	Catholic meeting	2 00
Dec.	1.	F. H. Nutting	12 50
	1.	H. L. Page & Co.	31 25
	1.	Geo. G. Davis	62 50
	2.	Catholic meeting	2 00
	16.	Catholic meeting	2 00
	29.	dramatic club	11 00
	31.	Unity Club	6 00
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Jan.	14.	Odd Fellows	2 00
	17.	Universalist society	9 00
	20.	D. Frost	10 00
	27.	Catholic meetings	4 00

Feb. 15.	Reed. from Atherton	\$0 50
8.	Leap-year ball	5 50
14.	Rebeckahs	7 00
33.	costume party	6 00
27.	F. H. Nutting	12 50
27.	H. L. Page & Co.	31 25
27.	Geo. G. Davis	62 50
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		\$574 17

### DISBURSEMENTS.

1383.

Mar. 26.	Paid Bailey, for plastering	\$0 50
27.	J. C. Stone, painting	7 70
April 14.	J. H. Wright, rent returned	4 67
16.	painting	50
June 1.	Town Treasurer	100 00
1.	8 gallons oil	1 60
1.	chimneys and setting glass	70
1.	A. Knowlton	21 50
Sept. 1.	Town Treasurer	100 00
1.	4 gallons oil	80
1.	A. Knowlton	11 00
Dec. 1.	Town Treasurer	100 00
1.	oil and chimneys	1 20
1.	getting in wood	2 00
1.	A. Knowlton	11 50
8.	Hannaford, for wood	22 96
15.	for cutting wood	3 25



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Feb. 29.	Paid for 16 gallons oil	\$3 20
29.	A. Knowlton	24 50
29.	agent's services	5 00
29.	Town Treasurer	151 59
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		\$574 17

ELIJAH BOYDEN,

*Agent.*

Marlborough, N. H., March 1, 1884.

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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The historical records of times of peace must be brief to be interesting.

Our schools have been going on during the past year very much as usual, having the same hindrances and advantages, and with about the same amount of successes and failures, so a lengthened report would be repetitious and unprofitable.

In six districts, there have been two terms in each, and in two, three terms in each.

The greatest number of weeks of schooling in any one district has been twenty-seven, divided into three terms; the least fourteen, divided into two terms; thus you can see that many of these terms of school have been too short for the greatest profit.

Ten weeks is a good length for a term, when primary scholars are in attendance; more than twelve is too long for smaller scholars. In every district there should not be less than two terms a year. Any less necessitates too long vacations, during which dull scholars and those who have little encouragement at home, forget about all they have learned during the short term. Probably those

whose memory goes back forty years over the history of this town, can remember that the terms of school were longer than at present. Only two districts have had six months of schooling during the year, and unless in some districts more money is raised than the law requires, there will be only one district, and perhaps not even that, during the coming year that has twenty-four weeks of schooling. The average length school in town has been only twenty weeks and a half. The school reports of a generation ago are not within reach for reference, but it is believed that we have retrograded as to the length of our schools.

If our children enjoy as good school privileges as the last generation, it is not on account of our liberality, but because the methods of teaching have improved. Schools have been improving in others parts of the country. Some states have copied and then improved upon the New England system, and if we only remain stationary we shall be left behind, though it has been our boast that our state is among the foremost in the quality of its public schools.

We can least afford to be parsimonious in our expenditures for schools, yet here is where we appear to be the most ready to economize. Of course, the money we do expend would go farther if in any way we could double up those schools where the attendance is less than twelve. But the importance of this is hardly appreciated in town, else some remedy for this waste of money upon small schools would have been devised before this time. We need not dwell upon this point, as the tabular statement shows exactly the state of the case.

In No. 2, there were four schools during the Spring and Fall terms, and three in the Winter. There is more

than a probability that we shall have over sixty different scholars in the primary department at the opening of the Spring term. This will necessitate four schools again, so if the district raises no more money than the law requires, we shall have only twenty-two or -three weeks of schooling this year. Of course, the present system of grading, which has been arranged with so much pains, and which may now be said to be fairly launched, cannot be maintained with only twenty-two weeks of schooling in a year. It is very difficult now to prepare a class for promotion every year. With any shorter term it will be impossible, and so the system will fall back in the chaos of former years.

There has been a commendable improvement in the attendance upon the primary department in this district. Many of those who at one time reluctantly attended school merely to comply with the law, now seem to take pride in being prompt and punctual. Quite a large number have learned to read and write and perform simple problems in arithmetic, who would have remained in ignorance but for the compulsory school laws. They have also acquired some taste for study and some discipline which will be of great use to them, if they remain to become citizens of this country, as probably many of them will. As these laws came to be generally executed, the town that is remiss will thus allure to itself those who do not wish their children to attend school. They will certainly not be as desirable a class of inhabitants, as those who might be attracted by a thoroughly good school system.

The whole number of scholars in the town, who have attended the district schools not less than two weeks during the year, are 276, thirty less than last year. The



number of children reported by the selectmen as living in town, between the ages of five and fifteen are, boys 140, girls 125.

The money allotted by vote of the town to District No. 2, average four dollars per scholar, to which the district added, by vote, two dollars and thirty-two cents per scholar. The smallest amount spent per scholar was in District No. 8, four dollars and seventy-two cents. The largest amount spent per scholar was in No. 4, eleven dollars and sixty cents. The largest amount spent, reckoning only scholars residing in the district, was in No. 1, seventeen dollars and twenty-five cents. District No. 2 raised two hundred dollars to pay a debt incurred in fitting up a fourth school-room. District No. 3 raised three hundred dollars to repair their school house, and they now have one of the most convenient and pleasant school houses in town. District No. 7 raised fifty dollars to repair their school house. These sums are not included in the amount expended for schools in the districts, in tabular statement appended.

We would thank the citizens and parents for the countenance and help lent us in our attempts to make the schools profitable, and especially would we thank the truant officer for his prompt attention to his duties, by which the average attendance has been materially increased.

J. L. MERRILL,  
R. T. POLK,

*Superintending School Committee.*

NUMBER OF DISTRICT.	Terms.	NAME OF TEACHER.	Wages of Teacher per month, Inc board.	No. of weeks School.	No. Scholars.	Av. No. Scholars.	Av. Attendance.	No. Scholars not Absent.	Reading and Spelling.	Pennmanship.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	History.	Com. and Rhetoric.	Algebra.	Phys. Geography.	Book-keeping.	Civil Government.	Botany.	Amt. of School Money.	Av. amt. per Scholar.
No. 1	Fall.	Amy W. Howard.	\$24	8	7	5.5	5	1	1	7	5	7	5	1						\$86.25	\$9.38
"	Winter.	Madella S. Nims.	24	6	5	4.3	3.6	1	1	5	5	5	4	3						1,100.78	6.32
No. 2, G. D.	Spring.	Agnes C. Hunt.	48	9	22	21.5	20.5	9	22	22	12	13	14	22							
"	Fall.	Jennie D. Townsend.	48	9	24	24	22.5	3	24	22	13	16	11	24	6						
No. 2, I. D.	Winter.	G. E. Whitcomb.	48	9	36	35	31.5	11	35	35	34	8	23	19	35						
"	Spring.	Mattie D. Stevenson.	36	9	43	41.3	38.9	9	43	43	43	43	30	12							
"	Fall.	"	36	9	40	38	36.4	12	40	40	40	40	30	12							
No. 2, 2d P. D.	Winter.	Mary Burpee.	36	6	9	49	46	43	9	49	49	49	27	13							
"	Spring.	"	36	6	37	35.2	32	8	37	37	37										
"	Fall.	Agnes C. Hunt.	36	10	38	37	34	4	38	38	37										
"	Winter.	"	36	9	45	41	39	6	45	45	45										
No. 2, 1st P. D.	Spring.	Eleanor A. Magoun.	32	9	50	44	36	6	50	50	50										
"	Fall.	"	32	9	50	48	44	1	50	50	50										
No. 3	Spring.	M. Agnes Cahill.	30	9	16	16	12.7	5	16	16	14	10	5	16						114.62	5.73
"	Fall.	Hattie C. L. Wilson.	26	10	21	18.5	17.2	5	18	21	21	10	7	1	21						
No. 4.	Spring.	Ida M. Emerson.	24	7	27	6	5	5	5	5	5	4	1	1						91.27	11.60
"	Fall.	"	24	9	6	5	5	3	5	5	5	4	2	2							
No. 5.	Spring.	Lacy A. Whitcomb.	22	6	6	6	6	2	6	4	6	4	2	2						107.62	8.97
"	Fall.	Myra S. Howe.	26	9	11	10	10	3	11	6	11	11	4								
No. 6.	Spring.	Mary C. Clark.	22	8	5	8	7	1	8	2	8	1	3							99.63	9.99
"	Fall.	"	22	8	5	10	10	7	4	10	2	8	3								
No. 7.	Summer.	Cora M. Chase.	19	9	10	10	9	10	9	9	6	4	3	4						94.38	7.87
"	Winter.	Carrie A. Smith.	18	14	12	11	11	1	12	9	11	6	4	8	5						
No. 8.	Spring.	Lucy M. Jones.	23	8	20	27	26	5	26	11	22	8	6	6						1 51.22	4.72
"	Fall.	"	23	8	20	27	26	10	26	12	24	11	4	1	7						
"	Winter.	"	23	8	25	19	26	5	26	12	24	10	4	9						\$1,845.77	

## FROST FREE LIBRARY.

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At the annual meeting of the Trustees of the Frost Free Library, held at said library August 13th, 1883, the officers chosen for the year ensuing were, for president, Hon. Rufus S. Frost; for secretary, Chas. Mason; for treasurer, Jairus Collins; for executive committee, Hon. R. S. Frost, Chas. Mason, Rev. J. L. Merrill and Rev. R. T. Polk; committee on library grounds, Jairus Collins; for librarian, Miss Carrie C. Fairbanks.

The treasurer's report shows \$18 75 expended more than received. This deficiency was occasioned in part by the purchase of two show cases and tables for the exhibition of shells and minerals in the library. It was voted that the treasurer be authorized to exchange town histories with other towns, at his discretion.

Voted, that the thanks of the trustees be presented to the Hon. R. S. Frost, for his very valuable Christmas present (an oil painting) which now adorns the walls of the library.

Voted, that we would welcome any of the old records of the town which the officers of the town may wish to store in the Frost Free Library, on condition that the selectmen furnish a suitable case in which to store them.

The trustees authorized Chas. Mason to negotiate with and purchase of the Monadnock Blanket Company, a triangular piece of land in front of the library, provided it can be obtained on reasonable terms.

CHARLES MASON, *Secretary.*

# REPORT OF LIBRARIAN OF FROST FREE LIBRARY, FOR THE YEAR ENDING AU- GUST 13, 1883.

Whole number of books in the library,	3,305.
Number of books purchased during the year,	125.

Fourteen of these were to replace worn out books. Three books have been presented to the library; one from Mrs. R. S. Frost, one from Gen. S. G. Griffin, of Keene, and one from Chas. Mason. Three of our town histories have been exchanged with other towns.

Number of volumes issued during the year,	6,591
Average number of books issued each week,	127
Number of persons who take books from the library,	545
Number of books rebound,	36

No books have been lost.

Money on hand August 7th, 1882,	\$ 2 97
Received from sale of catalogues and cards,	1 74
Fines collected, —	13 44

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\$18 15

Paid for incidentals,	3 58
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CARRIE C. FAIRBANKS, *Librarian.*



# THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

*To the inhabitants of the town of Marlborough qualified to vote in town affairs :*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on the second Tuesday of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act on the following subjects :—

- 1.—To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
- 2.—To choose three Selectmen, Town Treasurer and Clerk.
- 3.—To choose a Collector of Taxes, School Committee, and all other necessary town officers and agents for the year ensuing.
- 4.—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of schools, for paying the town debts and defraying the interest thereon, and for other necessary charges arising in said town, for laying out and repairing highways, sidewalks, and building and repairing bridges, and for the maintenance of the poor.
- 5.—To see how the town will divide the school money and dispose of the literary fund.
- 6.—To see how the town will divide the income of the ministerial fund.
- 7.—To see how the town will dispose of the dog tax remaining in the treasury on the first day of April next.
- 8.—To see what sum of money the town will appropriate to defray the expense of decorating the graves of soldiers
- 9.—To hear reports of agents, committees or officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote in relation thereto.
- 10.—To see if the town will vote to change the time for highway surveyors to enter upon their duties, as provided in General Laws, Chapter No. 72, Sec. 5, or act in any manner in relation thereto.
- 11.—To see if the town will vote to adopt the change in General Laws, Chapter No. 55, as provided in Chapter No. 92, Sec. 1, Pamphlet Laws of 1883, or act in any manner in relation thereto.
- 12.—To see if the town will vote to discontinue the old highway from the point where the lay-out of 1883 begins, running westerly to the point where it intersects near the Bemis place (so called), or act in any manner in relation thereto.
- 13.—To see if the town will vote to exempt from taxation for a term years (not exceeding ten) any manufacturing or mechanical interest that may locate in said town, whose capital shall not be less than five thousand dollars, or act in any manner in relation thereto.
- 14.—To see if the town will vote to secure a sufficient supply of water for the public use at the stone watering trough near the town house, or act in any manner in relation thereto.
- 15.—To see if the town will appropriate a sufficient sum of money for the purpose of securing a suitable fire alarm for the use of the town, or act in any manner in relation thereto.

Given under our hands and seal this twenty-third day of February, A. D. 1884.

LEVI D. JONES,	} Selectmen of Marlborough.
LUTHER G. BEMIS,	
ALPHONSO A. ADAMS,	







